

Other Areas of Assistance

The SFLO provides additional assistance to small forest landowners. This assistance includes:

General Technical Assistance

The SFLO and its field staff are available to assist landowners with making forest management decisions on lands near sensitive ecological areas such as stream-sides, wetlands and unstable slopes.

Other Financial and Technical Assistance

Many state and federal agencies provide financial and technical assistance to small forest landowners for conservation practices. The SFLO maintains a list of these programs and can help landowners to identify the most appropriate program to meet their needs.

Website

The SFLO maintains a comprehensive website with information on its programs and other government and non-government resources. Find more on the web at: www.dnr.wa.gov/sflo.

E-mail Newsletter

The SFLO publishes a bi-monthly e-mail newsletter summarizing news, resources, events and funding sources for landowners. To subscribe, send an e-mail to sflo@wadnr.gov with the word "subscribe" in the subject box.

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Small Forest Landowner Office

The Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO) was created in 2000 to serve as a resource for small woodlot owners. The SFLO provides technical assistance and administers incentive-based programs that aid Washington’s privately owned, non-industrial forest landowners.

With field foresters located across the state, the SFLO delivers on-site assistance to landowners who have questions about how to manage their forests to meet the resource protection goals of the state’s Forest Practices Rules.

The programs and services the SFLO provides include:

- Forestry Riparian Easement Program
- Family Forest Fish Passage Program
- Technical assistance with developing an Alternate Plan
- Assistance identifying other government financial and technical assistance programs

Family Forest Fish Passage Program



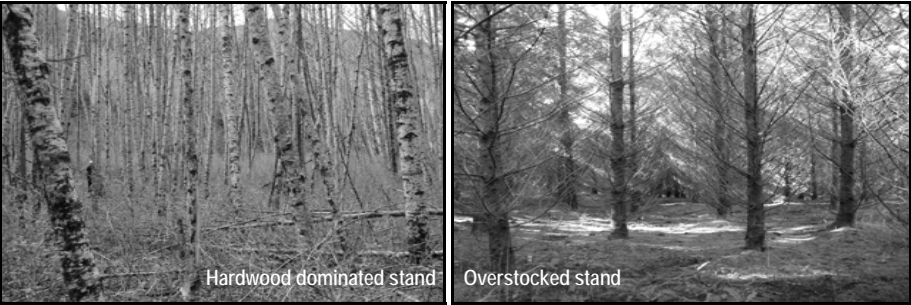
The Family Forest Fish Passage Program is a cost-share program that provides 75 – 100 percent of the cost of repairing, replacing or removing fish barriers such as culverts and other stream crossing structures associated with forest roads that block fish from migrating to upstream habitat.

Three state agencies work together to implement the program. They are: the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board.

Program Highlights (2003—2005)

	2003	2004	2005	Total
# of applications	53	93	108	254
# of sites evaluated	103	144	162	409
Funded projects	36	27	38	101
Miles opened	58.12	74.05	103.59	235.76
Average cost per project	\$31,031	\$38,237	\$55,768	
Total program cost	\$1.1 million	\$1.0 million	\$2.1 million	\$4.3 million

Alternate Plans



Any private landowner can create an alternate plan to address site-specific forest management issues. The prescriptions within an alternate plan may deviate from the Forest Practices Rules as long as the plan provides protection to public resources at least equal in overall effectiveness to the protections the rules would provide.

Alternate plans are often used in situations where the landowner may need greater flexibility within the Rules in order to improve the quality of a forest stand. The two most common alternate plan scenarios are thinning overstocked stands in the riparian zone and thinning hardwood dominated stands in order to reintroduce conifers.

The SFLO provides technical assistance to landowners with the process of developing an Alternate Plan.

Program Highlights (2000—2005)

Type of Alternate Plan	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
Even Age Harvest	0	0	0	2	1	3
Forest Health			3	3	2	8
Group Tree Removal			2	5	1	8
Hardwood Conversion		5	12	10	8	35
Individual Tree Removal		2	3	2	4	11
Mixed Stand Mngt.	1	2	2	5	2	12
Non-forestry			0	0	1	1
Overstocked Stand		4	4	10	6	24
Stand Rehabilitation		1	1	5	3	10
Total	1	14	27	42	28	112

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Forestry Riparian Easement Program



The Forestry Riparian Easement Program provides financial compensation to eligible small forest landowners in exchange for a 50-year easement on the timber that is required to be left unharvested in riparian areas. Landowners receive a minimum of 50 percent of the fair market value for timber enrolled in the easement program.

Program Highlights (2001 – 2005)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
# of applications	15	48	31	36	59	189
# of easements	2	21	17	30	35	105
Acres	12	615	337	286	563	1,813
Compensation	\$74,010	\$3.1 mm	\$1.3 mm	\$1.3 mm	\$2.6 mm	\$8.37 mm

GRANT WRITING

In 2004 the SFLO hired a full-time grant writer to solicit funds for supporting resource conservation on family forestlands. To date, the SFLO has obtained over \$740,000 in state and federal matching funds to support its mission. As a service to local partners, such as conservation districts and regional fish enhancement groups, the SFLO also develops grant proposals on their behalf for common projects .

Funding Source	Purpose	Amount
U.S. Forest Service	Fish barrier analysis	\$20,000
Natl. Fish & Wildlife Foundation	Fish barrier analysis & corrections	63,930
WA Department of Ecology	Education & fish barrier corrections	\$196,700
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Fish barrier corrections	\$260,000
Natural Resource Conservation Service	Fish barrier corrections	\$200,000
	Total	\$740,630